

City of Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo Water Treatment Facility

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Questions from city staff

Questions were asked following presentations from Shari and Sam.

They are **not** verbatim.

- How do you go about drying the sediment
- Does drying agent add to volume
- What are the cleanup levels
- Will Portland cement bind up PCB
- Is existing dam earthen
- Does earthen dam portion contain PCB
- Does the sampling plan call for scans for other contaminants [**Comment:** Metals are pretty much a concern for the city]
- What metals data has been collected so far – have TCLP been done
- Does sampling for other constituents give you a level of comfort that there is no other hazard
- Will trucks be covered
- What are the truck routes
- **Comment:** Concern about keeping truck traffic out of neighborhoods as much as possible Consult with Frank Szopo, city engineer
- What is the anticipated yardage per truck
- Will there be onsite scales [to weight trucks]
- On what side of US 131 is the dam
- Will there be monitoring on newer part of the dam
- What kind of interceptor system will you have

- Will an impervious cap to be placed on the material [that will be added to landfill]
- Are you using a RCRA cap" How is it going to be designed?
- The regulated community has to send materials to a RCRA regulated landfill. Why was a decision made to use this landfill
- Is there enough material to round out the cap
- We have an expert here [working for the city] – could she be allowed to visit the landfill
- How much of a drop in the river level will there be
- Has a ROD been written
- Is there a sampling plan for the Allied Paper site itself
- **COMMENT:** I am concerned about the landfill being so close to the well fields
- Will there be additional monitoring wells
- Was some stabilization technique used for dewatering at original fill
- How do you make a decision on whether to add cement
- What about dust from the cement
- Is there former material at the land fill that forms a base
- What type of compaction will you be requiring
- Will there be periodic testing by soils engineer
- What were the alternative sites for disposal and why weren't they chosen
- Did you ever consider a site in the Plainwell area to minimize hauling
- Did you talk with MDEQ about alternatives
- We're used to a different Superfund process – How does this [time critical removal] compare to the usual SF process
- Are there contingencies for repair/replacement of roads degraded y heavy traffic
- Is there any treatment that will be carried out at the site
- Are there any opportunities for city Brownfield development
- **Comment:** There is a major disconnect because a major water supply is affected by this and previous decisions
- **Comment:** It would be great if you could bring in assurances of no ground water impact
- **Comment:** We want to be sure [well/water] modeling the city does is EPA approved and we want to be able to give residents assurances
- **Comment:** We have long-term Brownfield redevelopment goals that have some potential to be addressed here and would like some consideration given to them in this planning
- **Comment:** Changing the grade on the site significantly will change the view – I presume that will be discussed with the community
- **Comment:** I am concerned about mercury [in the river sediment]